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TAGS: CDES, CARR, SNAR, CO (WILLIAMSON, DON FREDERICK)
SUBJ: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN

REF: MED 0142

1. MEDELLIN SECURITY SOURCES INFORM THAT DEATH TOLL IN JUNE 7
ESCAPE ATTEMPT BY U.S.CITIZEN PRISONER DON FREDERICK WILLIAMSON
NOW SIX, WITH TWO OTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED.

2. ACCORDING SOURCES, EVENTS DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WILLIAMSON AND VENEZUELAN COMPANION (EDGAR VISO VOLLBRACHT)
LEFT BELLA VISTA PRISON (WHERE THEY INCARCERATED SINCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 1976) UNDER ESCORT OF TWO POLICEMEN FOR HEARING
BEFORE MEDELLIN JUDGE. ON THE WAY, GROUP STOPPED AT LOCAL
HOUSE OF ILL REPUTE AT NO. 54-68, CALLE 58.

(B) UPON ENTRY, POLICE GUARDS WERE SURPRISED BY A STILL-
UNIDENTIFIED COLOMBIAN, ARMED WITH A MATTSON 9MM, FULLY
AUTOMATIC SUB-MACHINE GUN, AND SEEMINGLY IN LEAGUE WITH
WILLIAMSON AND COMPANION. THIS GUNMAN DISARMED GUARDS.
AT THIS POINT EVENTS ARE FUZZY, BUT SEVERAL ADDITIONAL
POLICE (SOMEHOW ALERTED)QUICKLY DESCENDED ON HOUSE.
WILLIAMSON AND TWO COMPANIONS FLED.

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(C) GROUP THEN SPLIT, WITH WILLIAMSON AND VISO ENTERING STORE
AT NO. 54-68, CALLE 58, WHILE COLOMBIAN GUNMAN CLIMBED TO
UPPER FLOOR OF NEIGHBORING BUILDING. WHEN POLICE AGAIN
CLOSED IN, GUNMAN REPORTEDLY HIT THREE WITH OPENING BURST.
HEAVY EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE OCCURED, WITH WILLIAMSON, VISO,
AND GUNMAN DYING ON THE SPOT. ONE POLICEMAN AND TWO

BYSTANDERS WERE ALSO KILLED, AND THREE OTHER POLICEMEN
WERE WOUNDED (ONE GRAVELY) BY GUNFIRE. AN ADDITIONAL
POLICEMAN FELL FROM A BALCONY WHEN ATTEMPTING TO CLOSE
WITH THE GUNMAN, AND MAY HAVE FRACTURED SKULL.

3. POST WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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